organized attempts to smuggle gold into the country.

Assistance to Tobacco Growers in Andhra Pradesh

2201. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal of Tabacco Board to assist tabacco growers in Andhra Pradesh through fiscal measures; and

(b) if so, the details of policies to ensure better income through fiscal measures for Andhra tabacco growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The informaiton is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

IMF on Interest Rates

2202. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has asked Indian Government to cut down interest rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amount of written-off Income Tax

2203. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have written- off a huge amount of Income Tax arrears/dues during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The details of cases involving write-off of big amounts are given below:

Sl. No.	Name	Amount
1.	J.R. Motwani	91.74,865
2.	Mohd. Adam peer Mohd, lssak Late	100,51.000
3.	Sh. Gopal Das Gupta K. Raghunada	30.68.435
4.	Rao & Co. Gwalior Maize Products	16,79.460
5.	(P) Ltd.	22,17.007

Drug Trafficking in Channelising Illegal Money

2204. SHRI OP. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether corruption and complexity of institutions like banks, public administration are responsible for drug traffickers channelising illegal money in the country as has been brought out in the news-item captioned "Drug trafficking corrupts democracy" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 13th December. 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY), (a) and (b) The news item is based on a Press Conference of the Secretary General of Interpol during his visit to India in September, 1994. His reported remarks were of a general nature and not specific to India.

(c) The Government is seized of the.potential of money laundering related to narcotics trafficking. The Narcotics Drug & Psychotropic Substances Act provides for tracing, freezing and forfeiture of property derived from illicit drug traffic.

Violation of instructions on GFR

2205. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are instructions in the General Financial Rules of Government